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For: OP-AMP CONFIGURABLE IN A NON-INVERTING MODE WITH A CLOSED
LOOP GAIN GREATER THAN ONE WITH OUTPUT VOLTAGE CORRECTION
FOR A TIME VARYING VOLTAGE REFERENCE OF THE OP-AMP, AND A
METHOD FOR CORRECTING THE OUTPUT VOLTAGE OF SUCH AN OP-
AMP FOR A TIME VARYING VOLTAGE REFERENCE

Examiner: Khanh V. Nguyen
Art Unit: 2817

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Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- [X] Issue Fee transmittal
- [X] Comments on statement of reasons for allowance
- [X] Comments regarding Formal Drawings
(with copy of return receipt postcard PTO-stamped 4/29/04 and 5 Sheets of Formal
Drawings Marked "REPLACEMENT SHEETS")
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A check in the amount of \$1,700 is enclosed. If it is determined that a fee is necessary, the fee may be charged to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance but believes the Examiner's statement could be misleading as to the scope of the claims. Firstly, all the independent claims do not use the same language for the secondary differential amplifier stage. It is not clear from the Examiner's statement whether the differences were appreciated. Second, the Examiner has added a parenthetical reference numeral, 36, which give rise to an argument that the claims should be limited to a specific embodiment, which is not correct. Neither is the Examiner's statement understood to reflect all of the reasons that the claims are allowable, but only one reason. Accordingly, Applicant does not accept that the Examiner's statement should be a basis for construing the scope of any claim.

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COMMENTS REGARDING FORMAL DRAWINGS

Applicant observes that the Notice of Allowability indicates that the drawings filed on 4 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner. However, on April 23, 2004, Applicant filed formal drawings, a copy of which are enclosed. It is these formal drawings that should be used for the letters patent, not the informal drawings of December 4, 2003. In the event that the original formal drawings have been misplaced, Applicant has labeled the copy of those formal drawings enclosed herewith as "REPLACEMENT SHEETS" in accordance with new rules. Applicant requests confirmation that these drawings will be used in place of the original drawings.

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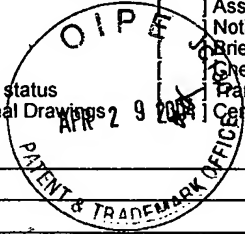


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